



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs



## Chair of Anglian (Eastern) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

£17,941 for 5 days per month

### ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT TAKING THE LEAD IN REDUCING FLOOD AND COASTAL EROSION RISK?

If so, this is an exciting opportunity to help reduce the risk of flooding for thousands of homes and businesses and reduce the risk of coastal erosion along one of England's most dynamic coastlines. The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is looking to appoint the Chair to the Environment Agency's Anglian (Eastern) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC).

RFCCs bring together representatives of local councils and the Environment Agency to oversee a multi-billion pound programme of work to protect local communities, homes, businesses and services, as well as boosting resilience to reduce impacts on people, environment and the economy. As Chair, you will work in partnership to ensure that national policies and approaches are implemented whilst taking account of local circumstances and needs. Skilled in bringing together different voices and opinions, you will play a pivotal role in approving capital and revenue investment programmes, raising local levies, securing external contributions and ensuring effective community engagement. Taking full account of the government's Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Policy Statement and the Environment Agency's FCERM Strategy will be important.

To succeed in this challenging role, you will need to harmonise diverse interests and objectives with fairness to ensure this important work is done effectively. This calls for strong leadership, chairing and communication skills, plus a diplomatic approach. In many ways you will be a sounding board for professional opinion – acting as an adviser and critical friend. You'll understand how flood and coastal risk affect local communities; and operating at the highest level, you'll have the credibility to work closely with the public and private sectors to deliver results.

**We actively encourage applicants from individuals from a wide range of backgrounds. Defra operates a Guaranteed Interview Scheme for disabled people.**

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**The closing date for applications is by 12:00 on 01 April 2021.**

